

**Summit Hill Borough Council**  
**September 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Borough Hall**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Summit Hill Borough Council was held at the above time and place with Vice President Michael Kokinda presiding.

**Roll Call** – Vice President Michael Kokinda, John O’Gurek, Bill Chapman, William O’Gurek and Solicitor Michael Greek were all in attendance. Michael Alabovitz, Greg Kosciolk and Mayor Paul McArdle were absent. President Jesse Walck arrive at 7:15 p.m.

**Minutes** – Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by John O’Gurek to approve the August 25 and September 16, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Floor Session**

1. Monroe Mechling, 17 West White Bear Drive – About four months ago he put in a complaint about the car sitting on the property at Kasprzak’s. The car has not been moved or fixed but when he received a letter about his vehicle he had three days to move it. The structure that he complained about and showed Council pictures of still was not addressed. The septic line which appears to be going into the septic tank under the structure. He gave Council pictures of the Fritz’s dumping sewage into their yard and nothing was done to them. Now they are working on the cesspool and they were down there with Carl Wolfe running water through it. Bill Chapman stated that he already talked to Scott Bieber about it and he is going to take care of the issue. Mr. Mechling said he wants to have his water retested since they are now disturbing the ground. He stated that he was informed that if he did not have his septic fixed that his property would be shut down and he agreed to it. He is just happy that his issue is now resolved. He stated that they are jerry rigging and sneaking around when no one is watching them and feels they should have to follow the same code he had too. Bill Chapman explained that he spoke with Scott Bieber. Scott is going to see if they unblocked the line that was previously blocked by Barbosa. If it has been unblocked, then there will be a citation issued. Mr. Mechling is concerned that if they are digging around in there, they will disturb something and cause issues again. Bill said that he is going to make a request to Barbosa that they make a report when he pumps out their system and give a copy to Council. He is willing to let them use the holding tank that they had before. Bill also talked to Ron Tirpak and he agreed that if it is not legal he cannot use it. What we are going to do is get together with Scott Bieber and check the plug that Barbosa put in to make sure it is still intact. Action will be taken after all of this is done. Mike Kokinda added that he was looking through the report from Lehigh Engineering and Notice of Violations were sent to the Fritz’s and Kasprzak on May 14<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>. Mike asked Kira to follow up with Lehigh Engineering to see where we are with the violations. Kira also stated that she knows that the police department was there to take the car in question. Mr. Mechling added that they have hounded him since the day they moved in and they hound other neighbors as well and this has got to stop at some point. He is getting made because they have two cameras pointing right at his house, which he was told there is nothing that can be done about it.
2. Wayne Gryzik, 13 West White Bear Drive – He would like to know if they are down there fooling around in the system is this going to effect the wells again. Things got cleaned up and the wells are safe and clean again. If they are down there poking around at it, are the wells going to be safe. Bill Chapman stated that if it was him he would have the water tested again. They may want to talk to Scott Bieber about doing it.

**Mayor's Report** – Chief Fittos reported the magistrate income for August 2014 as \$505.41. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by Bill Chapman to accept the Mayor's report for the month of August 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Police Report** – Chief Fittos read the police report for the month of August 2014. Chief Fittos stated that Brian Horos was hired as a full-time officer and Sean Nunemacher was hired as a part-time officer. He added that Brian is doing a fine job. Requested permission to attend a Keeping Kids Safe seminar on October the 21<sup>st</sup>. He will have a part-time officer cover the shift.

*Meeting was turned over to President Jesse Walck at 7:15 p.m.*

**Motion was made by Mike Kokinda and Second by William O’Gurek to allow Chief Fittos to attend a Keeping Kids Safe seminar on October 21, 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Joe also mentioned that the computers in the police department are going to have to be updated next year. The current computers can be upgraded by adding Windows 7 at a price around \$200 per computer or we can upgrade two computers a year for budget purposes. Kira stated that there is a letter of resignation from Lee Marzen that Council need to accept. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman an second by Mike Kokinda to accept the resignation of Lee Marzen as a part-time officer for the police department.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Joe added that Ryan Kennedy also turned all of his items in but he did not give a letter of resignation. **Motion was made by Mike Kokinda and second by Bill Chapman to accept the Police Report for August 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Planning and Zoning Report** – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, commented that the Zoning Officer could not attend the meeting but everyone has a copy of his report. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by William O’Gurek to approve the Planning and Zoning Report for the month of August 2014.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Work Leader Report** – Ronnie Yuricheck asked Council about getting an antenna for the borough garage since there is no service and they are missing calls. Kira asked if they would prefer a landline; Ronnie said he doesn’t feel it would be beneficial to them. Joe Fittos said he will call Verizon to see what he can do to get an antenna for them. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second William O’Gurek to accept the Work Leader Report for the month of August 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Tax Collector Report** – Tax Collector, Alice Kane, submitted a total of \$7,277.06 with a commission of \$363.85 for the month of August 2014. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Mike Kokinda to accept the Tax Collector Report for the month of August 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Wage Tax Report** – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the Wage Tax Report for the month of August 2014. Berkheimer submitted a total EIT of \$32,190.90 with a commission of \$563.03 and postage charges of \$9.85. Total LST submitted was \$145.35 with a commission of \$2.98 and no postage charges. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by William O’Gurek to accept the Wage Tax Report for the month of August 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Receipts** – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the receipts for the month of August 2014. General Fund receipts were \$44,313.85, Sanitation Account receipts were \$30,622.29 and the Community Center receipts

were \$250.00. **Motion was made by Mike Kokinda and second by Bill Chapman to accept the receipts for the month of August 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

### **Committee Reports**

**Streets** - John O’Gurek said that we are moving forward on the pole building. He asked Bill Frantz if they looked at the intersection on Mountaintop Road. Bill said that it really needs to be swept but the sweeper is broken and we do not have a roller to put blacktop down. Jack asked that they try to clean up the intersection the best they can. Jack asked that they start checking all the storm drains and making sure they are clean. Jack asked Kira if she heard anything on the property on East Holland Street with the chimney problem. She said she talked to the people and they are going to be sending someone up to address it. She will call and follow up on it.

**Buildings** – Jesse said that we are moving forward with the pole building. Everything has been approved and we are ready to start.

**Fire and Emergency Services** – Jesse stated that the grant application has been submitted. Mike Kokinda asked when the grants will be awarded; Jesse said he thinks December or January.

**Recreation** – Bill Frantz reported that the mulch has been taken care of at Bill Black Park and the sand will be done in spring when they add the new diggers.

**Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by William O’Gurek to accept the Committee Reports for the month of August 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council

### **Communications** –

#### **Communications for the month of September 2014**

1. Notice of Assessment Appeals from the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes
2. Central PA Teamsters September 2014 Newsletter
3. West Penn Comprehensive Plan – Will be updating plan

**Motion made by Mike Kokinda and second by Bill Chapman to approve the Communications for the month of August 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Bills** – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, reported total expenses for the month of September 2014. General Fund bills were \$66,142.55, Sanitation Account bills were \$24,113.29, Community Center Account bills were \$204.28 and Street Account bills were \$1,687.98. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by Bill Chapman to approve the bills for the month of September 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

### **Old Business** –

1. Equipment Sealed Bids – Kira stated that she advertised the 1991 Dump Truck and the 5 ton asphalt roller and there were no bids received for either. John O’Gurek said we can store the roller outside. Jesse said to scrap the roller and we can deal with keeping the truck right now. John said let’s see what the price is at the scrap yard and go from there. Jesse asked if anyone had any objections to

scrapping the roller and holding on to the truck for right now; no problem from the rest of Council. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by William O’Gurek to scrap the Dresser 5 ton roller.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion was carried unanimously by Council.

2. Tom Tkach, West Holland Street – Asked was the final dollar amount is for the pole building. He said a few months back the price came in at \$78,000. Jesse said that there were adjustments made that will bring the cost down. Kira explained that they had to accept the bid as is but there will be a change order to remove the unwanted items and lower the cost.

**New Business –**

1. Handicap Parking - Kira stated that there is one new handicap application. John O’Gurek stated that he feels this application should be denied due to a garage that is available and the fact that they can double park the car to get the daughter out of the vehicle. Kira explained that the mother is applying for the six year old daughter. **Motion was made by Mike Kokinda and second by John O’Gurek to deny the handicap parking application for 350 West White Street.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Carried unanimously by Council. Bill Chapman opposed.
2. Kira Steber announced that Trick or Treat is going to be held on Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by Bill Chapman to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting on October 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** Motion opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.



Jesse Walck  
Council President



Kira Steber  
Secretary/Treasurer